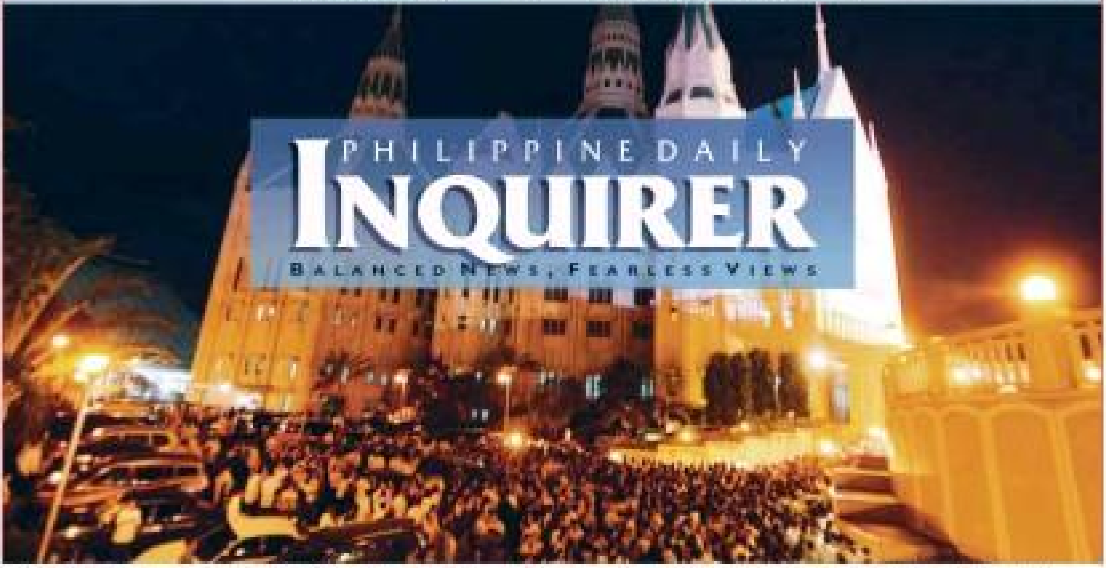
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IGLESIA ni Cristo faithful gather near the INC Central Temple on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City waiting for their turn to pay their respects to their spiritual leader Erano Manalo who died on Monday at the age of 84.

Aquino seeks God's help

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Taiwan's ex-first lady sentenced to one year in jail for perjury

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High, mighty pay homage to Ka Erdy

By Arlyn dela Cruz
Contributor at large

THE MARCOSES AND THE AQUINOS, longtime political rivals, came to pay their last respects.

Almost all members of the House of Representatives, both from the administration and opposition, arrived together on three buses.

As of yesterday, politicians of all stripes continued to stream into the Central Temple of Iglesia Ni Cristo in Quezon City to register their condolences for INC Executive Minister Eraño "Ka Erdy" G. Manalo, who died of a heart attack on Monday at the age of 84.

The INC, a homegrown Christian sect, is known for its block-voting. Politicians are known to seek the bendisyon (blessings) of its leader as the group has some 8 million voters. [INC

MANALO A11



NOYNOY AQUINO: No "presidential" declaration, just an announcement that he's going on a spiritual retreat for discernment.

Tandem with Roxas formalized soon

By Michael Lim Ubac and Christine O. Avendaño

SEN. BENIGNO "NOYNOY" AQUINO III YESTERDAY said he would go on a spiritual retreat and pray for Divine Guidance for a difficult struggle ahead.

One day after Sen. Manuel "Mar" Roxas II announced he was stepping aside to support an Aquino candidacy for president in the May elections, to unify the Liberal Party, the son of democracy icons Corazon Aquino and the assassinated Benigno Aquino Jr. said he needed more time before announcing his political plans.

"This weekend, I will be going on a spiritual retreat. As I pray for discernment and divine guidance, I urge you to pray with me so that you too can assess your own readiness to take part in the difficult struggle ahead," Aquino said.

"We are in this together," he said, reading from a prepared statement at Club Filipino, where his mother was sworn in as President after the Edsa People Power Revolution in 1986, before party members and supporters chanting "Noynoy! Noynoy!"

He said "yes" when asked by reporters if he would carry on the fight started by his parents, but deferred an expected announcement that he was running for president.

Roxas, the Liberal Party president, said on Tuesday that over the weekend, Aquino told him

AQUINO A11

Reformists seen to back Noynoy bid

By TJ Burgonio and Michael Lim Ubac

REFORM-MINDED PRESIDENTIAL aspirants are prepared to rally behind a Noynoy Aquino candidacy, but Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., says unification of the opposition is "as distant as Mars is from Jupiter."

Moved by Sen. Manuel "Mar" Roxas II's decision Tuesday to sacrifice his ambitions and give way to Aquino, Isabela Gov. Grace Padaca is now calling on fellow "reformist" aspirants to follow Roxas' lead.

Padaca, who is being pressed to run for the highest post in the land by the farmers' group Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka but has not declared her plans, said yesterday that she had rejected such a call to make way for Aquino.

"After giving up so much, none of us can do less," Padaca said of Roxas. "He has put us

REFORMISTS A11

Mikey under fire on YouTube

By Christian V. Esguerra

PAMPANGA REP. JUAN MIGUEL "MIKEY" ARROYO may have found himself in deeper trouble following an early morning TV interview about his ballooning net worth and P92.7-million beachfront property in the United States.

Clips of his Tuesday interview with GMA 7's "Unang Hirit" were uploaded to the video-sharing website YouTube, triggering nasty comments—many of them apparently not fit for newspaper publication—from angry Web users.

One viewer described the lawmaker as "the world's dum... criminal."

"(Mikey) sucks at defending himself. If he is

MIKEY A11

RP lawyer uses law to protect Mother Nature

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

IF HUMANS IN NEAR-DEATH SITUATIONS need CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), ailing Mother Nature also needs CPR (conservation, protection and restoration/rehabilitation).

That's according to environmental lawyer Antonio Oposa Jr., who uses medical jargon to call attention to the alarming state of the Philippine environment. But more importantly, he uses the law to protect LAW (land, air and water).

The play on words and meanings is vintage Oposa, one of this year's six recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Award who were honored on Aug. 31 by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation for their various contributions to society and for embodying that spi-

RP LAWYER A9



SENSELESS KILLING Film critic Alexis Tioseco and girlfriend Nika Bohinc make a beautiful pair.

Fil-Canadian, Slovenian killed at home by robbers

By Nancy C. Carvajal

A FILIPINO-CANADIAN AND HIS SLOVENIAN LIVE-IN partner, both film critics and fans of Philippine independent films, were shot dead on Tuesday night by robbers a new housemaid had helped get into his house in Quezon City.

Police identified the victims as Fil-Canadian Alexis Tioseco, 29, and Nika Bohinc, 30.

Both died on the spot, said Chief Inspector Benjamin Ebaniano, head of the homicide investigation unit of the

FIL-CANADIAN A10

Dacer slay witness shot dead

By Norman Bordadora

AN IMPORTANT WITNESS IN the twin murders of publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer and his driver Emmanuel Corbito in November 2000 has been killed, Justice Undersecretary Ricardo Blancaflor said yesterday.

Witness Jimmy Lopez was shot dead after midnight yesterday inside his rented house in Cavite, said Blancaflor, who chairs Task Force 211, an inter-agency panel against political violence. He said Lopez's neighbors told investigators that the gunmen fled the scene on motorcycles.

Lopez, along with three other witnesses, was to appear this

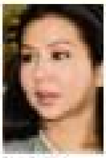
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PANGILINAN



DE QUIROS



SANCHEZ

Angry Korina rails at Mar's detractors

By Alcuin Papa

A MOUTHFUL HAS LET LOOSE YESTERDAY by the future "Mrs. Palengke."

Speaking on air with her colleague Ted Failon, ABS-CBN broadcaster Kori-

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Cebu scion named to Comelec

By Marlon Ramos and TJ Burgonio

A SCION OF AN INFLUENTIAL CLAN FROM CEBU PROVINCE IS the latest addition to the Commission on Elections (Comelec), taking over the position vacated by Leonardo Leonida whose appointment was bypassed twice by the Commission on Appointments (CA).



LARRAZABAL

Panlilio seeks recount timeout

By Marlon Ramos

Abalos appeals Ombudsman ruling

Biazon seeks Senate probe of gun smuggling

UN hails RP for taking in refugees

THE UNITED NATIONS HAS praised the Philippines for being the second country in the world to be formally designated as a transit point for [illegible] refugees while en route to resettlement in a third country.

In a statement posted on the UN website on Wednesday, Raymond Hall, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) regional coordinator for Southeast Asia, lauded the Philippines for setting what he described as "the protection benchmark in Asia."

"The Philippines is again setting the protection benchmark in Asia after signing the 1951 Refugee Convention and implementing a national asylum law and procedure," Hall said.

"Having fulfilled its international protection responsibilities, with this agreement it is making a significant gesture to broaden the system," he stressed.

The new transit arrangement—the second after the same agreement with Romania in March this year—was put in place under an agreement signed last week in Manila by the Philippine government, UNHCR and the International Organization for Migration.

"This will allow the crucial resettlement process to be completed without such pressures and in a way that ensures adequate protection," he added.

Under the agreement, the refugees may stay in the Philippines for up to six months before they are resettled elsewhere.

Cynthia D. Balana



ERAÑO "Ka Erdy" G. MANALO

(January 2, 1925 – August 31, 2009)

Lubos at taus-pusong nakikidalamhati po kami at ang buong lalawigan ng Cavite sa pagpanaw ni Tagapamahalang Pangkalahatan ERAÑO "Ka Erdy" G. MANALO ng Iglesia ni Cristo (INC). Nakalulungkot at malaking kawalan ang pagpanaw ng minamahal nating si Ka Erdy ngunit naniniwala po kami na ang paglagas ng dahon ay pag-usbong ng bulaklak. Ang pagtuyot ng bulaklak ay pagsilang ng bagong bunga. At kapag nahinog at nalaglag ang bunga, ihahasik ang mga buto sa lupa. Muli, sisilang ang bagong buhay. Ngayon ay nagdadalamhati tayo ngunit pagkaraa'y hawiin natin ang ating kalungkutan, sapagkat si Ka Erdy ay nasa kaharian na ng Panginoon.

Sa piling ng Panginoon, mabuhay ka KA ERDY!

Gov. Ayong S. Maliksi

Cong. Jun A. Abaya
1st District

Vice Governor Osboy P. Campaña

Mayor Manny L. Maliksi
Imus

CAVITE
Be part of the revolution.

House moves closer to tax on text, metering

Sin taxes

Tax expert

2 Pinoys nabbed for robbery in Bangkok

GMA again gets failing grade for performance

100-point scale







TWO TO A BED, patients crowd the dengue ward at the San Lazaro Hospital in Manila.

Big cities' rapid growth blamed for dengue spread

Main drivers

Reuters

Gadian says she's ready to confront her superiors

Detailed testimony

The Daily Gospel

PDI staffer joins Palanca winners for poems on life of a reporter

By Kate Y. Pedroso
Inquirer Research

A COLLECTION OF POEMS ABOUT A JOURNALIST's "often unwanted" daily grind by Inquirer researcher Elaine A. Victoria bagged top awards in this year's Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature in ceremonies held on Tuesday night at the Peninsula Hotel Manila in Makati City.

"Reportage," a poetry collection by the 22-year-old Victoria, won second prize in Poetry-English division. "The Collapse of What Separates Us" by [illegible] won first prize and "[illegible] Poems from a [illegible]" by Mark Anthony Cayanan, which won third prize.

"I just couldn't believe it. I have never published a single poem before "Reportage." Short stories, yes, but never a poem. So this was completely unexpected," said Victoria, who was one of 24 first-time winners in this year's Palanca awards.

Reporter's voice

"I had the idea for the collection during my internship, and worked on the poems up until I finished school. I just thought it would be interesting to hear a news reporter speak in a series of poems," she explained.

"The job of a reporter is no joke. You have to be on your toes most of the time," Victoria added.

Victoria graduated in 2007 from the University of the Philippines in Diliman with a degree in Journalism. She was an Inquirer scholar prior to joining the newspaper's research team in August 2007.

"We're absolutely proud of our choices this year," said Ana Maria Katigbak, who chaired the three-person panel of judges for the category in this year's awards. "We read hundreds of collections, and these three really stood out."

"It's a very young crop of winners," said judge Mikael de Lara Co, noting that all the winners were only in their 20s.

"Some people say the Palanca awards is just about rewarding the same people over and over, and yet when we came across 'Reportage,' we really had no idea who it was," Co added. "It's a fresh voice, a fresh name, and we're always happy to find new ones."

Victoria received the award alongside more than 50 other awardees in a ceremony that featured poetry reading of the winning entries in the newest category, Poetry Written for Children (English and Filipino).

Two award-winning authors, [illegible] Aguila and Eugene Y. Evasco, were also elevated to the Palanca Hall of Fame this year.

The Palanca Hall of Fame was established in 1995 and is presented to Palanca awardees who have achieved the distinction of winning five first prizes in the regular categories.

National Artist for Literature Bienvenido Lumbera, who received the award Gawad Dangal ng Lahi, was the event's guest of honor. He congratulated the awardees for receiving an honor that was "untouched by politics."

Other winners

First prize winners in the Filipino division were: For one-act play, Layeta P. Bucoy ([illegible]); essay, Reuel Molina Aguila ([illegible]); poetry written for children, Eugene Y. Evasco ([illegible]); essay for the youth, [illegible]; full-length play, Rodolfo C. Vera ([illegible]); poetry, [illegible]; short story for children, [illegible]; and screenplay, [illegible] and Christian M. Lorenzo ([illegible]).

[illegible] won second prize in the Filipino short story, as there was no first prize winner.

First prize winners in the English division were: Essay for the youth, Cristina Gracia T. Tantengco ([illegible]); poetry written for children, Edgardo B. Maranan (The Google Song & Other Rhymes for Children); short story, [illegible]; short story for children, Kathleen Aton-Osias ([illegible]); and poetry, Edgardo B. Maranan (A Passage Through the Seasons).

Floy C. Quintos ([illegible]) won third prize in the English full-length play, as there were no first or second prize winners. Violet B. [illegible] ([illegible]) won third prize in the English one-act play, as there were no first or second prize winners.

First prize winners in the regional division were: For the Cebuano short story, [illegible] M. [illegible] ([illegible]); for the Hiligaynon short story, Ferdinand L. [illegible] ([illegible]); and for the Iluko short story, [illegible] ([illegible]).

The Palanca Awards was established in 1950 by the heirs of businessman Don Carlos Palanca so he'd [illegible], and it has become the country's most prestigious and longest-running literary contest.



ELAINE A. VICTORIA (center) is all smiles after accepting her award from Palanca Awards judges (from left) Ana Maria Katigbak, Ramon Sunico and Isagani R. Cruz and Carlos Palanca Foundation Director General Sylvia Palanca-Quirino. [illegible]

Taos-pusong pakikidalamhati sa mga naulila ni Ka Erdy at mga kaanib ng Iglesia ni Cristo sa Pilipinas at sa buong mundo



mula kina:

SEC. LEANDRO R. MENDOZA
Department of Transportation and Communications

CONG. MARK LLANDRO "DONG" L. MENDOZA
4th District , Batangas

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6. Jessie Madlangbayan Patron
7. Joaquin Marcial Salud Jr.
8. Alexander Sevilla Mercado

RP lawyer uses law to protect Mother Nature

Environmental security

Numerous awards

New worlds

In behalf of children

Unconventional



LAWYER Antonio Oposa Jr., second from right, with Bantay Dagat guardians of the Visayan Sea.



OPOSA, at left, examines blasting caps seized in a raid.

Dacer slay witness shot dead





Not indispensable

No lapse in security

Confidence

Fil-Canadian, Slovenian killed at home





ALEXIS TIOSECO



MIKA BOHINC

Police clearance

Editor of online journal

Accompanied by armed men

Pay back

2010 BUDGET

Cut in infra spending hit

By Leila B. Salaverria

Too conservative

Transition budget

Fixing tax laws

Dismissed lawyer presses case vs Tan

Mensa inducts new officers

New members

2012 conference

Mikey under fire on YouTube



How to earn millions

Gifts, campaign contributions

Limited liability company

Burden of proof on Mikey

Solon can't use campaign funds for personal purposes, say 2 lawyers

IN THE KNOW

Paalam po, Mahal na Ka Erdy

Ang aking buong pamilya, at batid kong ang buong sambayanang Pilipino,
ay nakikidalamhati sa pagpanaw ng itinuturing naming
isa sa pinaka-dakilang lider-espiritwal sa ating bansa, ang Tagapamahalang
Pangkalahatan ng Iglesia Ni Cristo na si Kapatid na Eraño G. Manalo.

Walang makapupuno sa kawalan na idinulot ng pagyao ni Ka Erdy,
di lamang sa mga kapatid sa Iglesia kundi sa buong sangkatauhan.
Ang nakita namin kay Ka Erdy na magiting, matuwid,
makatarungan, mapagmahal, at puno ng karunungan at malasakit na
pamamahala sa Iglesia ni Cristo ay isang halimbawang hahangarin at
papangarapin ng lahat ng Pilipino, para sa ating bayan at lipunan.
Iniwan ni Ka Erdy ang isang maunlad, malakas,
matatag, disiplinado at nagkakaisang organisasyon
na kahit saan sa mundo makarating ay
hinahangaan at tinitingala.



Nararamdaman ko ang kalungkutan at
pamimighati ng kanyang buong sambahayan
at ng lahat ng mga kapatid sa Iglesia Ni Cristo.
Hindi man kami mga kaanib sa Iglesia ay
saksi akong buhay at naranasan ko ang
kabutihan at pagmamahal ni Ka Erdy
na kailanman ay hindi ko malilimutan
sa aking buong buhay.

Ang pagpanaw ni Ka Erdy ay matagal
kong daramdamin sampu ng aking
pamilya at lahat ng nagmamahal
sa kanya. Hinding-hindi
namin siya malilimutan.

Paalam po, mahal na Ka Erdy.

Erap

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Wanted: virtue

EDITORIAL



Tap roots

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

Long silence

FOREIGN COMMENT

The Times (London)

Destiny

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

Game-changer

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



Batangueña refuses to pay taxes

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo



Statesman

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III



Jeepney ride

YOUNG BLOOD

Katrina I. Martin

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Sen. Noynoy Aquino III

Ted Kennedy, great American, but a greater human being

LETTERS

Reminder: 'Sic transit gloria mundi'

Not the first act of treachery by MILF

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

5 new books boost Bicol literature



THE FIVE literary works in Bicol published by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

Pioneering works

Formal Bicol

Guidepost

Across the NATION

Ex-gov of Abra wanted for rival's slay arrested

By Tarra Quismundo

VALERA in a Quezon City court in January 2006.

Reign of terror

Chase

Hypertension

Future IRA pawned for P1B in Palawan loans

4,000 families face eviction for Manila Bay cleanup



NEWSBRIEFS

2 slain for drugs

3 killed in accident

Scrabble tournament

2 troops hurt in blast

An Waray partylist declares support for Chiz bid in 2010 polls

MILF asks US to explain GIs' presence in Mindanao



Mar 'at peace' with decision, reaps praises







Country's high and mighty pay homage to Ka Erdy



Aquino seeks God's help



"WE ARE in this together," Aquino tells his supporters at Club Filipino on Wednesday.

A done deal

Example of selflessness

No turning back

People need convincing

Reformists expected to back Noynoy bid

Aquino magic

Who is the opposition?

Villar to slug it out

Never underestimate

Angry Korina rails at Mar's detractors

No apology

Positive, not intrusive

Understandable

'I was hurt'

SPORTS



Murray, Sharapova thru; Ivanovic gets boot

Basadre whips Pakistan rival

RP off to modest World Cup start



Pacquiao: 8-week training is enough

Junior shuttlers salvage bronze in Asian tourney

Giles, Gilas take on Slingers



Dreaming of Olympic gold in a wrong place

BARE EYE

Go, Japeth, go

Heart, Soul, Sports



Tommy Manotoc



Soquet-Hohmann blanks HK rivals

Reyes, Bustamante seek quarters

Tigers eye semis vs skidding Archers today

Stags jot down 12th straight NCAA victory

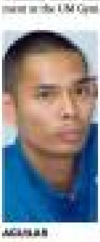


Sportswatch

Archrivals Ateneo, La Salle join URCC meet

Tanido tops Liguigue races

Lyceum, STI gain Naascu Final Four



AGUILAR

Tongue-lashing sparked Aguilar turnaround?

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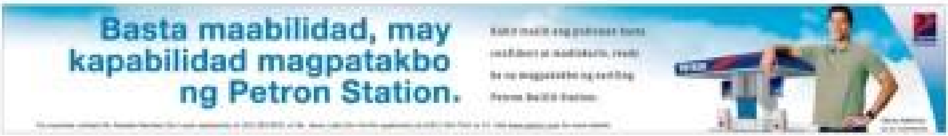
Watch for it.

MEGAWORLD

Aplus **METRO**

DID YOU KNOW

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MARQUEZ

'WALIS TINGTING' OVERPRICE CASE

High court reverses graft conviction of Marquez

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'Chavit' faces charges for beating up live-in partner



SINGSON: Asks women's group not to judge him

THE LIVE-IN PARTNER OF DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURity Adviser Luis "Chavit" Singson yesterday filed a civil case against him after he reportedly beat her up.

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NutriJuice in Marikina Coca-Cola Launches CSR Program in the City



[illegible]



700 barangay execs' China trip draws flak

By Tina G. Santos



DENGUE TREATMENT

3 wanted international financiers continue to evade arrest warrants

By Allison W. Lopez

Decomposing body of PWU prof found

By Tina G. Santos

Scores hurt, traffic snarled in smashup

By DJ Yap

METROBRIEFS

Vendors attack cops

Drug suspect nabbed

UE homecoming set

High court reverses graft conviction ...

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A breath of fresh air

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo





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Ex-engineering student stricken with leukemia appeals for help





THIS FILE PHOTO taken on Aug. 5, 2009, shows freed US journalists Euna Lee (left) and Laura Ling (right) arriving after being released from North Korea, at the airport in Burbank, California. AFP

US journalists speak on ordeal in N. Korea

SAN FRANCISCO—TWO US journalists jailed for illegally entering North Korea said ... [illegible]

Hurricane 'Jimena' weakens

LOS CABOS, MEXICO—Hurricane "Jimena" weakened on Wednesday ... [illegible]

Reuters

FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

129 Chilean soldiers, police ordered arrested

SANTIAGO—A CHILEAN JUDGE on Tuesday ordered the arrest of ... [illegible]

AFP

Iraqi Shiite leader's son new party leader

BAGHDAD— ... [illegible]

Reuters

23 dead in suicide bombing

MEHTAR LAM, AFGHANISTAN— ... [illegible]

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Russia's Putin rejects criticism

SOPOT, POLAND—RUSSIAN PRIME MINISTER Vladimir Putin rejected criticism of ... [illegible]

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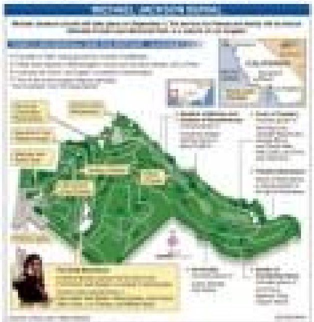
The WORLD

Powerful quake jolts Indonesia; 15 killed

JAKARTA—A MAJOR 7.0-MAGNITUDE QUAKE ROCKED INDONEsia's Java island Wednesday, killing at least 15 people and destroying dozens of homes across the country's densely populated heartland, officials said.

Poll: Japan voters were fed up with ruling party

Michael Jackson to be buried amongst stars



Taiwan's ex-first lady, daughter and son convicted of perjury



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Iran ready for new round of nuke talks

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San Miguel puts Laiban project on hold

Exec cites controversy, bad publicity generated by offer

By Amy R. Remo

SAN MIGUEL CORP. HAS PUT ON HOLD ITS PLANS TO develop the $1-billion Laiban dam project, citing the controversies hounding the water project.

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Peso hits intra-day low of 49.01 to $1

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Megaworld bags North Bonifacio project

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INDICATORS

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET



Stocks track Wall St. retreat

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INQUIRER MONITOR



ECONOMIC PILLARS

The dinner that sparked the BPO industry

SPECIAL REPORT

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Gov't slashes 2010 budget for capital outlays

Solon skeptical over proposed move to reduce expenses

DOF pushes bills to make up for lost earnings

STAY ORDER

In a 'rubbery' deal, AFP jumps into bed with DA

Mindanao businessmen seek prospects abroad

DBS expects RP inflation to hit 3% by end of this year

Lopez firm tops Palinpinon-Tongonan bidding

Economy seen hitting growth goal

Green Core offers $220M for package

Japan credit card firm seeks bigger market share in RP

The dinner that sparked the BPO industry

San Miguel puts Laiban project on hold

Megaworld bags North Bonifacio project

Peso hits intra-day low . . .

San Miguel earmarks $2B to expand energy concerns

PLDT acquires BPO company for ₱400M

Eton bolsters presence in Sta. Rosa

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LIFESTYLE Food



Easter pies made of onion, artichoke and zucchine flowers



KITCHEN RESCUE

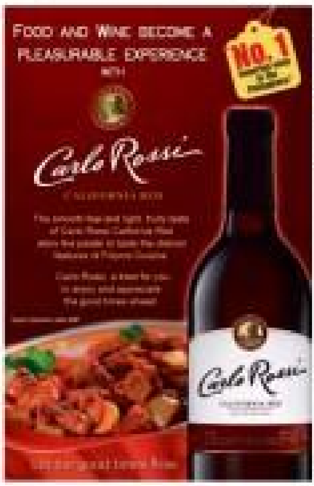




Grilled fish with fettuccine Gorgonzola and beef stew-pasta









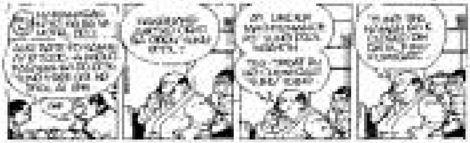


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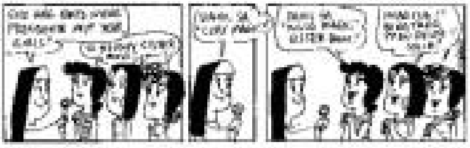


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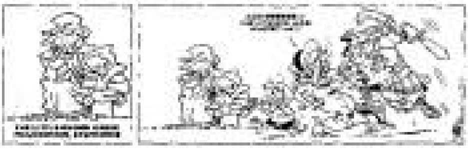
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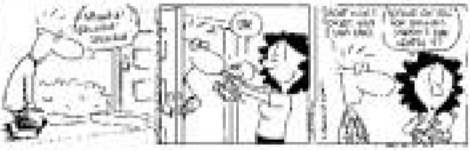


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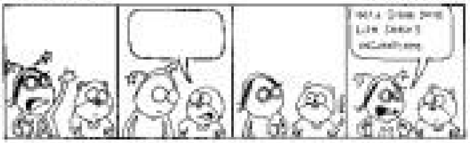


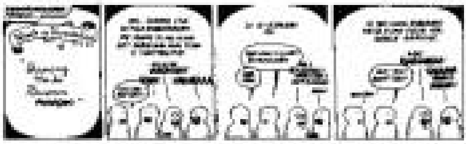
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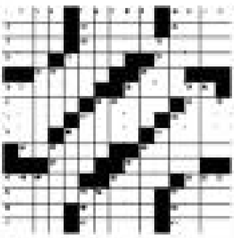
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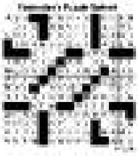
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

DOWN



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

	5		2		4		7	
					9			
		1				6		
8	2							4
			8	1	5			
3							9	6
		2				5		
			9					
	9		6		7		3	

Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	6	2	7	9	3	5	4
9	4	5	3	8	6	2	7	1
7	3	2	5	1	4	6	9	8
1	9	7	6	4	2	5	6	3
3	5	4	9	6	7	1	8	2
2	6	8	1	5	3	7	4	9
4	8	1	6	2	5	9	3	7
6	2	9	7	3	8	4	1	5
5	7	3	4	9	1	8	2	6

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Grilled fish with fettuccine . . .



Something to Look Forward to!

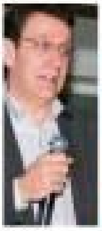


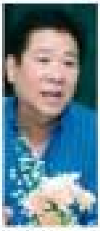


Our one-of-a-kind 'queso de bola' and interesting cheese recipes



Beginnings





Other variants

Some recipes from Frico

One-meter pizza



'Bagoong rice'

Crispy pork loin

Great rib-eye

DINING OUT

Lasagna pizza

'Binawang na hipon'

Buffet appetizer

Lucban 'longganisa'

World's top chefs gather at gourmet festival in Bangkok

A week-long celebration of outstanding food and wines

Doreen Fernandez food writing contest extends deadline

ENTERTAINMENT

Top 10 films at the US box office





Meet Kuring, Diyuning and Gluring

Comic Jon Santos does Syerrap, too, and Katrina Humalili

TAKE FIVE



How to become 'commissioner'

RUSHES SPECIAL

'A' for 2 horror films

Eugene Domingo is sinfully funny in 'Kimmy Dora'

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GALLERIA

1 LAND OF THE LOST	6 UP (Digital 3D)
2 BRUNO	7 UP / THE TIME'S TRAVELER'S WIFE
3 YEAR ONE	8 LEAP FILMFEST / indie films: BAYAW
4 AND I LOVE YOU SO	9 KIMMYDORA
5 FINAL DESTINATION 4	10 G.I. JOE / DISTRICT 9

ERMITA

1 BRUNO	4 AND I LOVE YOU SO
2 UP	5 KIMMYDORA
3 FINAL DESTINATION 4	6 YEAR ONE
	7 LAND OF THE LOST

METRO EAST

1 FINAL DESTINATION 4	5 YEAR ONE
2 KIMMYDORA	6 G.I. JOE
3 BRUNO	7 THE TIME'S TRAVELER'S WIFE
4 LAND OF THE LOST	8 AND I LOVE YOU SO

NOVALICHES / PIONEER

NOVALICHES	PIONEER
1 KIMMYDORA	1 KIMMYDORA
2 LAND OF THE LOST	2 FINAL DESTINATION 4
3 YEAR ONE	3 YEAR ONE
4 FINAL DESTINATION 4	4 LAND OF THE LOST

STA. ROSA / LIPA

STA. ROSA	LIPA
1 KIMMYDORA	1 KIMMYDORA
2 THE HANGOVER	2 AND I LOVE YOU SO
3 YEAR ONE	3 THE HANGOVER
4 AND I LOVE YOU SO	4 TAROT

DASMARIÑAS / IMUS

DASMARIÑAS	IMUS
1 KIMMYDORA	1 KIMMYDORA
2 SHORTS	2 LAND OF THE LOST
3 YEAR ONE	3 YEAR ONE
4 AND I LOVE YOU SO	4 AND I LOVE YOU SO

STARMILLS

1 KIMMYDORA	4 AND I LOVE YOU SO
2 TAROT	5 ALIENS IN THE ATTIC
3 YEAR ONE	6 DISTRICT 9

ANGELES / TACLOBAN

ANGELES	TACLOBAN
1 KIMMYDORA	1 ORPHAN
2 ALIENS IN THE ATTIC	2 LOL: LOVE ON LINE
3 YEAR ONE	3 YEAR ONE
4 AND I LOVE YOU SO	

BACOLOD / ILOILO

BACOLOD	ILOILO
1 KIMMYDORA	1 KIMMYDORA
2 BRUNO	2 BRUNO
3 YEAR ONE	3 YEAR ONE
4 AND I LOVE YOU SO	4 AND I LOVE YOU SO
5 G.I. JOE / UP	5 ALIENS IN THE ATTIC
6 DISTRICT 9	6 DISTRICT 9

How to be…

Top of the talk shows

What to do…

Bring on the noise

Spring Awakening

'Sweeney Todd'

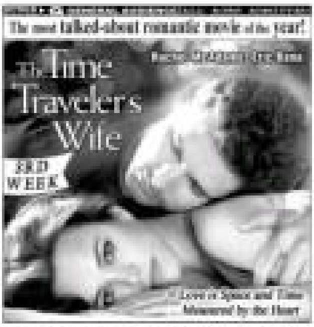
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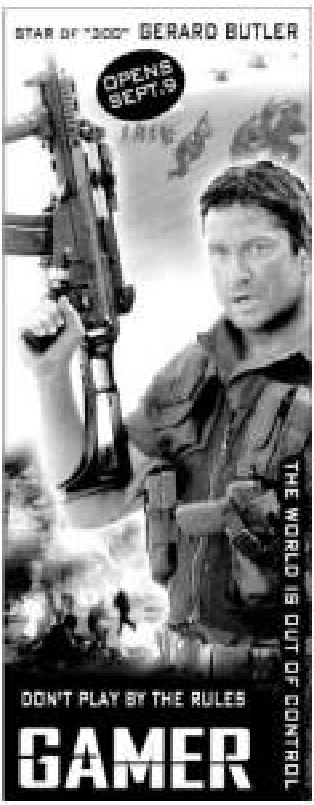
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What to do when in limbo: Take it easy

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